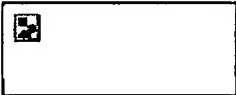


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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-17 (cancelled)

Claim 18 (currently amended): An oral care dentifrice composition comprising:

- (a) ~~from 1% to 40%, by weight of the composition, of a retentive agent comprising from about 3% to about 7%, by weight of the composition, of hydroxyethylcellulose and from about 3% to about 5%, by weight of the composition, of carboxymethylcellulose, selected from the group consisting of water soluble hydrophilic gums, water soluble hydrophilic polymers, and mixtures thereof,~~ the retentive agent having the property of hydrating upon exposure to water or saliva; and
- (b) a topical, oral care carrier selected from the group consisting of a flavor, sensate, foaming agent, abrasive, buffer, and mixtures thereof;

wherein the composition is a non-cariogenic, chewable solid unit dosage form; and wherein the composition forms an intact hydrated mass that is visible on 2 to 3 molar or premolar surfaces to greater than 7 molar or premolar surfaces for 5 minutes to 60